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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application.

Listing of Claims:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory unit to store data;

a plurality of parallel data paths to process said data;

a plurality of control units to control said data paths; and

a switch to connect said control units to said data paths, said switch to receive

configuration information to establish a first set of connections between said control units

and said data paths to execute a first process using single instruction multiple data

processing, and a second set of connections between said control units and said data paths

to execute a second process using multiple instruction multiple data processing; wherein

said data paths are configured based upon said connections between said control units

and said data paths to perform said first process and said second process may be

performed substantially in parallel.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each control unit controls execution

of a single program instruction.

3. (Canceled).

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4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said first set of connections connect

at least one of said plurality of control units to multiple data paths, with said one control

unit to control said multiple data paths.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each data path performs a same set

of operations using said data.

(Canceled).

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said second set of connections

connect multiple control units to multiple data paths, with each control unit to control a

single data path.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each data path performs a different

set of operations using said data.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a configuration module

to configure said switch to establish said connections in accordance with said

configuration information.

10. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

an antenna:

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a host processing system;

a configuration module to store configuration information; and

a reconfigurable communication architecture module to receive said configuration

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information comprising:

a plurality of processing elements to execute functions for each process;

a plurality of routing elements to connect said processing elements; and

a plurality of communications mediums to connects said processing elements and

said routing elements in a mesh topology;

said reconfigurable communication architecture module to configure itself to

perform single instruction multiple data processing in a first configuration to execute a

first process, and to perform multiple instruction multiple data processing in a second

configuration to execute a second process; wherein said routing elements are configured

based upon said connections between said processing elements and said routing elements

to perform said first process and said second process may be performed substantially in

parallel.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of said processing elements

comprises:

a memory unit to store data;

a plurality of parallel data paths to process said data;

a plurality of control units to control said data paths; and

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a switch to connect said control units to said data paths, said switch to receive said

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configuration information to establish a first set of connections between said control units

and said data paths to execute said first process, and a second set of connections between

said control units and said data paths to execute said second process.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein each control unit controls execution

of a single program instruction.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said first set of connections connect

at least one of said plurality of control units to multiple data paths, with said one control

unit to control said multiple data paths.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said second set of connections

connect multiple control units to multiple data paths, with each control unit to control a

single data path.

16. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving configuration information at a switch; and

configuring said switch to establish a first set of connections between a plurality

of control units and a plurality of data paths to execute a first process using single

instruction multiple data processing; and

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configuring said switch to establish a second set of connections between said

control units and said data paths to execute a second process using multiple instruction

multiple data processing;

wherein said data paths are configured based upon said connections between said

control units and said data paths to perform said first process and said second process

may be performed substantially in parallel.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein each control unit controls execution

of a single program instruction.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said first set of connections connect

at least one of said plurality of control units to multiple data paths, with said one control

unit to control said multiple data paths.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said second set of connections

connect multiple control units to multiple data paths, with each control unit to control a

single data path.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

receiving a first set of data;

storing said first set of data in a memory unit; and

processing said first set of data with said data paths using said first set of

connections.

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(Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

receiving a second set of data;

storing said second set of data in a memory unit; and

processing said second set of data with said data paths using said second set of

connections.

22. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a storage medium;

said storage medium including stored instructions that, when executed by a

processor, result in receiving configuration information at a switch, configuring said

switch to establish a first set of connections between a plurality of control units and a

plurality of data paths to execute a first process using single instruction multiple data

processing, and configuring said switch to establish a second set of connections between

said control units and said data paths to execute a second process using multiple

instruction multiple data processing; wherein said data paths are configured based upon

said connections between said control units and said data paths to perform said first

process and said second process may be performed substantially in parallel.

23. (Original) The article of claim 22, wherein the stored instructions, when executed

by a processor, further result in said first set of connections connecting at least one of

said plurality of control units to multiple data paths, with said one control unit to control

said multiple data paths.

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24. (Original) The article of claim 22, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a processor, further result in said second set of connections connecting multiple control units to multiple data paths, with each control unit to control a single data path.